

Y ALAN HINSDALE.

I am one of the Americans of the first expeditionary force that went to France to fight the central powers to be captured. It was a night reconnoitering force of Germans who killed several young fellows and took a few as prisoners. We were marched away to the rear and put under a temporary

Being Americans, the officer in command did not know what to do with us. Whether we would be treated more rigorously than troops of other nationallties I didn't know, but I believed we would. So I made up my mind to escape before we were taken to Germany, or to get shot trying to do so.

Having been recently captured, we were not as strictly watched as doubtless would be later on. But what helped me was the bursting of a shell from the American lines very near us and our guards. Several of the guards were killed and two of our fellows were wounded. I took advan-

I had not gone 50 yards before I came to the dead body of a German. I dropped beside him, and under cover of the darkness-there were only such lights as appear at night in war-I appropriated his helmet and by dint coat. As soon as I had put on both, at that hour. I got up and walked slowly rearward.

Hundreds of shells were falling all were very dirty and might have beshot in the direction of the American of coarse bread. lines. I was once stopped by an officer, but before he could question me, he saw something or someone else that drew his attention from me, and I During the afternoon our wish was gave him the slip.

I made my way rearwards where the troops were not so thick as at the front, and though I worked my way without knowing where the reserve lay, I had the good luck to get into a region where there were no troops. came presently to a little stream of Main German Plots Are Now Hatched friendly relations. We do not want terwhich was a mill. I heard the tramp of men coming. I would have gone into the mill to hide, but it was locked. So instead I got onto the mill wheel and my weight let me down to the bottom of a walled space wherein the wheel revolved.

In a few minutes I heard a column of men marching by and the word of command by the officers. I was where they would not see me; nevertheless I of conscription in Australia. hid under the wheel. After they had | The attempt to blow up the California passed and the thud of their shoes executive mansion is attributed to the costs and occasions and the growth of was dying away in the distance I con- anarchist element recruited from the the army and navy and the loans to forcluded to move on, seeking for some French family which had not been turned out of house and home, who liberally supplied with money by German Congress and whatever. would hide me until I could get back agents, and they have succeeded in afwould hide me until I could get back to my command. Naturally I took hold of the wheel and was about to step on one of the buckets, when it occurred to me that it would turn and let me down as far as I ascended. A glance

# SUFFERED SEVEN YEARS"

Was Eventually Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.



seven long years with a lame back, irregularities and pain. I had one physician after another but they did me no good. I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegegave it a trial and in now feeling fine, and without weakness or pain. Many of my friends have table Compound it."-Mrs. Margaret Ness, 1846 E.

Hazzard St., Philadelphia., Pa. Women who suffer from displace-ments, irregularities, inflammation, ulceration, backache, sideache, head aches or "the blues" should not rest

about showed me that I was imprisoned. I could not escape by the wheel, and I could not climb a perpendicular

What there was to grind I knew not; perhaps the miller was obliged to work for the Germans; at any rate just before day came I heard sounds above, something shifted, and down came the water. It had been turned into the flume, and pouring on the wheel, began to rotate it. When the water rose to my waist I began to do a tread-mill act on the wheel. I climbed as the wheel turned to asold being drowned.

I said to myself that between drowning and going to a concentration camp I'd rather drown. I kept on with my endless climb, feeling pretty well discouraged at the poor prospect ahead of me. I believed that the mill was used by the Germans, and if this were so, I might better cease to tread and fall back toto a watery grave. When death is far away we don't dread it; when it is right before us, or behind, as it was with me, we shrink from it. was about to take my chances by calling to the miller, when looking up I saw the sweet face of a little girl looking down upon me.

and she disappeared. In a few min- and faulty distribution of the meat avail utes I heard a shifting above, and the tage of the confusion to walk away to water ceasing to flow, the wheel stopped turning. Then came a woman and the girl I had seen; I climbed out; when I said "Americaine" they hurried me into the house near the mill where they hid me.

They had secured a little grain and were grinding it for their own use beof bard labor managed to get off his fore day, hoping to evade the Germans

I was the first American soldier they had seen; indeal they did not know about me, and for other reasons per- that there were any American soldiers haps I was not noticed. My trousers in France. They were overjoyed when I told them that there were thoulonged to a soldier of any nationality. sands, and more coming every day. The German cont and helmet I wore. There was but little in their larder, ate efforts to put down widespread were all the disguise I needed. I pick- but what there was they offered me. ed up a rifle lying on the ground and I had not been long without food, and now and again turned and fired a refused to accept anything but a piece

and as the fire drew nearer, we hoped gram and that Austria will be called we would be within the allied lines, gratified, and I was again with my companions.

SPY SYSTEM CENTER

IN SAN FRANCISCO

in the City on the Pacific Coast.

Washington, Jan. 21.-The headquarters of the German spy system is now in San Francisco, the central point from which have radiated the plots that have resulted in the destruction of war plants

building plants and other industries. Direct communication between San sages are conveyed to Russia by means forth of Japanese sailors, according to charges now being carefuly investigated by the

#### Bromine Production in 1917.

Some of the asphyxiating gases that playment offices. are used so extensively in the European harmful effect on the eyes. This same without finding what he wants -- adv. liquid is made into salts that are widely used in peaceful pursuits, as bromide of silver, used in photography, and bromide of potassium, used in medicine for treating nervous diseases. Bromine was ex tracted from bittern at 11 plants in Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia in According to R. W. Stone, of the United States geological survey, de partment of the interior, about 903,860 pounds of bromine was produced and sold at these plants in 1917, an increase of 215,600 pounds from the production in 1916. During 1917 there has been a short time I felt large decrease in price of bulk bromine which was quoted in the New York wholesale market at \$1.40 to \$1.50 a pound in January, 1917, but is now quoted around 60 cents. The present of my friends have price, however, is 100 per cent higher than the price which prevailed in 1913, when bromine sold for 25 to 35 cents a

The stocks of bromine on hand at the producing plants December 15,1917, were very low, amounting only to about 7,000 pounds. The productive capacity of the plants, however, is so great that much more bromine could easily be made, for aches or "the blues" should not rest the 11 plants that were in operation in until they have given this famous root 1817 and one plant that was idle could and they have given this ramous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a trial. If complications exist, write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for special suggestions. The result of its long experience is at your service.

# BRITISH CROWDS DEMAND FOOD

Thousands of Munition Men March in Protest of Conditions

DEMAND A BETTER DISTRIBUTION

Great Numbers All Over the Country Fail to Obtain Sunday Dinner

London, Jan. 21.—Demonstrations to demand a better distribution of food were held at Brighton, at Erith, in Kent and at other places in England Saturday, while men, women and children stood it rues, in many cases in vain, for a Sun-

lay roast, margarine, butter or tea. At Erith 3,000 workers from one of the oig war factories formed a procession and marched to the local food commit tee's offices to protest against their wives and children having to wait long hours outside the shops of the grocers and butchers and then being obliged to come away empty-handed.

The men say that owing to the scarcity of food they are unable to work, and the percentage of sickness has been high Meanwhile the butchers' shops were losed and the grocery stores were virtually sold out Saturday morning, and he men were waiting in the streets for the food committee to take some action-Food demonstrations and queues in London and in many other parts of the country were bigger and more numerous than ever Saturday. Everywhere in Lonion crowds gathered at the butchers' hops at an early hour, there being at least 1,000 persons at 9 o'clock waiting to be served in the retail section of the Smithfield market.

Most of these got limited portions and were luckier than the people in the suburbs, many of whom were unable to get any meat, the retailers having received only a fraction of their supply

This was due not so much to the short ooking down upon me.

"Mon Dicu!" I heard her exclaim, districts to bring livestock to the market,

> The supplies of margarine are also inreasing, but here again distribution is omplained of, some sections being well supplied, while others had only the scan-tiest allowances.

#### AUSTRIA CLOSING ALL FRONTIERS

Germany's Ally Making Desperate Efforts to End Food Strikes.

Geneva, Jan. 21.- Austria Saturday deeed the closing of all her frontiers. Through the strict censorship there filtered reports of the government's desperstrikes, peace demonstrations and food a score or more of cities. The public is apparently fearful that the Brest-Litovsk peace negotiations will fail through the insistence of the German militarists on the full Pan-German proupon for fresh sacrifices.

Berne, Jan. 21.-Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, is soon to make a formal reply to President Wilson's outline of the allies' war aims, it was reported here Saturday.

Czernin was quoted in an interview reaching here as asserting:
"It wil not be the annexationists' views" which will end the Brest-Litovsk meet-

ritory nor indemnities."

#### SPLENDID AMERICAN DOCUMENTS. All of President Wilson's War Messages to Be Found in The World

Almanac for 1918. It is possible to count in The World Almanae for 1918 more than 30 titles re in the East and that caused the defeat ferring directly to matters of the great war. And even then the pages of information on war affairs will not all have most victous members of the I. W. W., eign governments and the war chronol-Sinn Feiners and Nihilists. This class is ogy and the new taxes and the acts of

Moreover, the messages of the presifeeting the efficiency of employes in ship- dent are there, and when one comes to think of it there can be hardly a better place to preserve these splendid America Francisco and Germany is said to be documents than among the records and maintained by way of Mexico, and mes-

One notes that the pressure of battle-opies has given to the new almanac the special title "War Information Edition." Among many brand new features are

All things considered, including the war contain bromine, a heavy brown fact of an improved index, one would say that it must be a man either super-iniquid which gives off a vapor that atacks the nose and throat and has a very gets away from The World Almanac



wasn't for that pimply, blotchy complex-But the regular use of Resincl Soap, aided at first by a little Resinol. Ointment, would probably make it clear, fresh and charming. If a poor skin is year handicap, begin using Resinol Soap and see how quickly it improves. Resinci Ointment and Resinci Soap moully stop tching instantly and quickly heal comma and similar ain troubles. Sold by all druggions.



January is the great month for leveling our stock and making floor space for new furniture that soon will be coming in. Indeed, this is our annual price reduction sale in which nearly all better grade furniture and rugs are included

## Savings That Range From 25 to 50 Per Cent

This time honored sale offers you the best chance to furnish your home. You know the price on everything has advanced but you will find these offerings substantial reductions from even the old prices. FURNISH NOW FOR FUTURE ECONOMY.

ANOTHER PATTERN, in Oak-Grained, square posts, square fillers, was \$21; Red Tag Sale Price \$13.50 ONE CIRCASSIAN WALNUT FINISHED STEEL BED; was \$24.75; Red Tag Sale ......\$15.75 ONE TWO-INCH CONTINUOUS POST WHITE ENAMEL BED; was \$10.75; Red Tag Price ......\$7.75 ONE BRASS BED, two-inch posts, with guaranteed lacquer; was \$21.50; Red Tag Price ......\$16.50

15 WHITE ENAMEL IRON BEDS.

continuous post, seven-fillers, White

or Oxidized; were \$7.50; Red Tag

#### **Mattresses**

ONE BRASS BED, two-inch posts, guaranteed lacquer; was

\$21.00; Red Tag Price .....\$14.50

SIX SILK FLOSS MATTRESSES, absolutely pure, in fancy art ticking, slightly damaged; were \$22.00; Red Tag Price,



THERE ARE MANY OTHERS.

## Save Money on Curtains

24 PAIRS FILLET LACE CURTAINS, former price \$2.25; Red Tag Price,

\$1.621/2 per pair

All odd pairs of Laces at one-half price

All two and three-pair lots at from 25 to 50 per cent.

## **Drop-Side** Crib

DROP-SIDE CRIB, with White Enamel finish; full size, with a soft top mattress; complete, \$8.98

Odd Buffets, China Clos-

ets, Serving Tables and

Dining Chairs at zero

prices during this sale.



### Solid Oak Extension Tables

A HANDSOME ROUND SOLID OAK TABLE, extending to six feet, with three extra leaves. Former price, \$14.00; Red Tag Price ...... \$9.75



FOUR-PIECE DINING ROOM SUITE in Jacobean oak finish. Was \$80.00. Going in the Red Tag Sale for ....... \$59.00

## Linoleums and Rugs

ELEVEN ROLLS OF TWO-YARD-WIDE FELT-BACK LINOLEUMS, always priced at 60c a square yard; Red Tag Sale Price, per square yard ......421/2c THREE PATTERNS OF INLAID LINOLEUM, priced at \$1.35; going in the Red Tag Sale, per square yard. .\$1.121/2

We are determined to double our sales on Rugs this year. We have positively got the finest and best assortment of Domestic Rugs to be found this side of Boston, and our prices are undisputably the lowest.

A few of the many bargains: WILTON VELVET, 8-3x10-6, \$24.75; Red Tag Price. . \$15.75 ROYAL AXMINSTER, 8-3x10-6, \$32.50; Red Tag Price 25.75 WILTON VELVET, 8-3x10-6, \$27.50; Red Tag Price 19.75

ARDSLEY AXMINSTER, 9x12, \$31.00; Red Tag Price 24.75 CARLETON AXMINSTER, 9x12, \$35; Red Tag Price. 27.50 ROYAL WORCESTER, WHITTALL'S, 9x12, dropped pattern, \$67; Red Tag Price ...... 52.50

ANGLO PERSIAN, WHITTALL'S, dropped pattern, 25 OTHERS PROPORTIONATELY PRICED. .

ONE DOZEN SPECIAL PARLOR ELECTRIC PORTABLE LAMPS in different colored paneled shades, \$6.00 value.

Red Tag Sale,



Odd Dressers, Chiffoniers, Dressing Tables and Wood Beds at sweeping reductions from regular to Red Tag Prices.

# FIRST TRENCH FIGHT

Dramatic Sidelights Thrown on the Events, Told Through the Y. M. C. A. War Work Council.

How the first Americans were killed or captured by the Germans is a story a narrow main street and rushing stream A group of soldiers surrounds a sooty chanics regiment," being recruited by the notes on the standardization of bread that has not been fully told. Two ac- from which horses are drinking, ducks cauldron at one side wherein smokes United States public service reserve, is and particulars about United States em- counts of the fight received at the head- paddling and old women washing clothes. and blazes a greenwood fire. Some rough wanted in France immediately. As a requarters of the national war work coun-

joining section with the Americans, and way down the street is a large barn; who helped to bury James T. Gresham, the bar at the double door playfully of Evansdale, Ind.; Merle Hay of Glidden, Ia., and Thomas F. Enright of Pittsburg, sent a brief description of the fight to his godmother who gave it to a Y. M. C. A. worker in France, Alfred M. Brace, professor of j.armalism at the University of North Dakota. At the same time, Chauncey P. Hulbert sent a description of the return of the survivors of the fight to their quarters in a Y. M. C. A. hut back of the firing line.

The French boy says in part: "We are now right in the midst of the Americans, but I assure you we were in quiet section till the moment the Boches began to get across and started to attack the Americans to make them isoners, and at the same time attack-

They killed some and we have had the honor of burying the first Americans who have fallen in France. You will this doubtless in the papers. It is division and they have taken a photograph of us. "I tell you they are very good soldiers.

They do not surrender easily. They de fended themselves to the death. We found them with their throats cut because they would not be taken prisoners and the Boches killed them." In telling of the return of the surviv-

ors nad drawing a word picture of the village in which they are stationed, Mr. Hulbert, who was a visitor, says: The men from this village had just

Incorporated returned from their training in the front bumps all who attempt to enter with MOTOR MECHANICS

B. W. Hooker & Co.,

twelve captured in a German raid. not disheartened. They quickly assumed and the home of the men who have had

You can't think clearly when your head is "stopped up" from



trenches. Besides the fifteen straw bil- unbowed head. A dirt squirter, large OF THE AMERICANS lets there had been fifteen others. Three enough to hold three farm carts, is sur of their numbers had been killed and rounded by stalls for cows and horses welve captured in a German raid.

"The men around the hut stove were floor 10 feet above. This is a Y. M. C. A.

the sang-froid about having seen six the honor to take part in the first trench Germans pounce upon 'Big Tom' and fight.

Scattered around the rough hewn floor

quarters of the national war work councilican soldier shaving; another brushing beams and bars beyond. Along the wall for all skilled artisans, between the ages of the Y. M. C. A. throw considerable his teeth; a little girl dipping a pail; are straw billets for fifteen men, neatly of 18 and 20 and between 31 and 40, to a grandmother trying to capture an covered with blankets in reminiscence of apply at once to any army recruiting sta-A French boy who fought in an adelusive duck; and three French wom-joining section with the Americans, and en up to their elbows in soap-suds. Half down the street is a large barn; side. The latter is well stacked with sweet chocolate and other American com- for the aviation corps, to assemble planes forts which Paris itself cannot supply. and put them in trim after air duels. "The secretary is a friend of the men Gen. Pershing has asked for 3,500 autoand they become attached to him. When mobile and gas engine men, 1,400 ma-

they go into the front trenches, he packs chinists, 500 cabinet workers, 450 sheet his suitcase with chocolate and other metal workers and lesser numbers of comforts and goes with them. He is a blacksmiths, forgers, canvas workers, personal friend of all."

Red Cross Needs Nurses.

The most vital necessity of the Amer ican Red Cross at the present time

Trained nurses are needed for th ome cantonments and the hospitals in France. And it is also important that reserve organization should be effected

New England is expected to furnish 500 trained nurses for Red Cross work. Nearly all the New England hospitals have enlarged their schools for the trainng of nurses for war emergencies. The duty of the nurse is as important to the boy at the front as that of the physician and it is one of the highest forms of patriotic service to which the oung women of New England can dediate themselves at this time.

Miss Elizabeth Ross, in charge of the ureau of nursing service, New England ivision, American Red Cross, 755 Boyls on street, Boston, will give all informa a to those who desire to register.

WANTED IN FRANCE

General Pershing Calls for About 7,000 Men Immediate-

Washington, Jan. 21.-Gen. Pershing "These men live in a little village with are many tables and collapsible benches. Saturday sent word that the "motor me-Lined up on the low quai are an Amer-gymnastic apparatus is fitted to the suit, the reserve Saturday issued a call

harnessmakers and acetylene welders.

#### **MOTHERS, LISTEN!** When work exhausts your

strength, when your nerves are irritable and restless, when am-bition lags and you feel rundown, you need and need quickly the rich, creamy, nourishing food in



to check your wasting powers, ennerve force. Scorrs is helpliven your blood and build up your you the strength you need.

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